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Planning Services
Leeds City Council
The Leonardo Building
2 Rossington Street
Leeds
LS2 8HD

By e-mail: planning@leeds.gov.uk

Application: 22/06871/LI

Site: Grand Theatre 46 New Briggate Leeds LS1 6NU

Proposal: Listed Building Application for the replacement of existing temporary hoarding/fencing panels with the installation of steel gates and posts to the main entrance foyer steps

Remit:

Theatres Trust is the national advisory public body for theatres. We were established through the Theatres Trust Act 1976 'to promote the better protection of theatres' and provide statutory planning advice on theatre buildings and theatre use in England through The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, requiring the Trust to be consulted by local authorities on planning applications which include 'development involving any land on which there is a theatre'.

Comment:

This application for listed building consent has come to the attention of the Trust because it is seeking development at the Grand Theatre to replace temporary fencing to the main entrance steps with steel gates and posts.

The current hoardings to the respective side entrances and the gate to the central bay of the main entrance steps have been in place for some time linked to the programme of works which has been undertaken. These have served a purpose but are insensitive to the architectural significance of this part of the building as a Grade II* designated heritage asset. Therefore we welcome a more permanent solution being brought forward.

We consider the design of the proposed gates to be acceptable. There justification in that there is a need for additional security to protect the building and the safety of staff entering and leaving due to the recess.

Therefore we are supportive of the granting of listed building consent.

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